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Aloha Chair Apo and Members,

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 10-144 Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit for the Kapi'olani Community College Culinary Institute of the Pacific.

As Dean of the Hospitality and Culinary programs at the school, I witness every day the students who are following a passion for a culinary career and who will, one day, take the culinary industry in Hawai'i to new heights. The Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head is an important part of the culinary future of Hawai'i. Beyond the world-recognized culinary programs across the community college system, the Culinary Institute will add advanced programming and certification and allow students to pursue a four year baccalaureate degree in Culinary Studies at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu.

The development of the Culinary Institute and its building have been carefully managed to balance the workforce development needs of Hawai'i with the special nature of the site and the neighborhood.

I hope that you will favorably consider Resolution 10-144 which will allow us to proceed with this important project for Hawai'i's future.

Aloha,
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